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1. IN SIGNED EDITORIAL ON FRONT PAGE JAN. 17-18 EDITION OF GOIC-CONTROLLED DAILY NEWSPAPER FRATERNITE MATIN, EDITOR AUGUST MIREMONT COMMENTED ON RECENT OAU SUMMIT ON ANGOLA. ENTITLED "ADDIS ABABA, DEATH KNOLL FOR THE OAU," THE EDITORIAL LAMENTED THE FACT THAT AFRICAN LEADERS DID NOT HEED HOUPHOUET-BOIGNY'S CALL FOR UNITY AND FRATERNITY BUT INSTEAD ACTED IN A WAY LIKELY TO LEAD TO THE DECLINE AND DEATH OF THE OAU.

2. EDITORIAL STATES THAT FOREIGN POWERS ARE STIRRING UP TROUBLE IN ANGOLA IN ORDER TO LAY LOW THE BLACK MAN, THE MORE EASILY TO PLUNDER HIS RICHES. IN THIS TIME OF ECONOMIC CRISIS IT IS AFRICA'S MINERAL, AGRICULTURAL AND OIL WEALTH WHICH ATTRACTS THE DEVELOPED NATIONS, AS SUGAR ATTRACTS FLIES.

3. ARTICLE CRITICIZES THOSE AFRICAN STATES SO HYPERSENSITIVE ABOUT THEIR SOVEREIGNTY WHO ARE YET SO WILLING TO ABDICATE THEIR DIGNITY AND INDEPENDENCE BY SUBMITTING TO A FOREIGN IDEOLOGY AND A TYRANNICAL "PATRON" WHO HAS MORE READY RECOURSE TO ARMS THAN TO DIALOGUE TO IMPOSE HIS IDEAS. "WHO CAN FORGET HUNGARY IN 1956 AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA IN 1968, WHERE PEOPLE DESIRED TO LIVE FREE AND HAVE FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION AND MOVEMENT ONLY TO BE STRUCK DOWN IN BLOOD"?

4. AT ADDIS ABABA, CONTINUED THE EDITORIAL, ONE OF THE FACTIONS WAS MANIFESTLY CONTROLLED BY THE USSR AND ONE KNOWS TO WHAT RESULT: DIALOGUE WAS NOT ENGAGED, THE SUFFERINGS OF THE ANGOLAN PEOPLE WERE FORGOTTEN, AND AFRICAN UNITY JEOPARDIZED INDEFINITELY. FOR THIS GROUP IT WAS SIMPLY A MATTER OF DEFENDING THE SOVIET STATE AND ITS CUBAN ALLY. FOR THE OTHER PARTY, LUCID AND OBJECTIVE, THE MAIN THING WAS TO STOP THE MASSACRE OF THOUSANDS OF OUR BROTHERS AND INSTALL PEACE IN THE COUNTRY.

5. HOW CAN ONE ANY LONGER APPEAL TO THE OAU TO RESOLVE POSSIBLE CONFLICTS WHEN CERTAIN MEMBER STATES ARE NO LONGER GUIDED BY THE SOLE INTERESTS OF AFRICA. THIS IS AN END TO THE CREDIBILITY OF OUR CONTINENTAL ORGANIZATION, BOGGED DOWN IN THE MUD OF ANGOLA. AS KENNETH KAUNDA SAID, OUR CONTINENT IS NOW GUIDED BY WASHINGTON AND MOSCOW.

6. EDITORIAL ENDS BY SAYING THAT SLAUGHTER IN ANGOLA, WHICH UNCLASSIFIED

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IS THE SHAME OF THE CONTINENT CAN ONLY BE ENDED BY ADOPTING THE SOLUTION CALLED FOR BY IVORY COAST AND 21 OTHER STATES, NAMELY (A) IMMEDIATE CEASE FIRE; (B) WITHDRAWAL OF FOREIGN FORCES; (C) HALT TO ARMS SUPPLY; AND (D) ESTABLISHMENT OF GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNITY.

7. IVORY COAST POSITION AS SUMMARIZED ABOVE WAS REPEATED ELSEWHERE IN ARTICLES ON ANGOLA IN FRATERNITE MATIN DURING PAST WEEK AS

WELL AS IN HEBDO, WEEKLY NEWSPAPER OF PDCI/RDA, IVORY COAST'S
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